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"Holding Everywhere," Is Paris Report—Powerful Reserves Arrive—Russ Recapture Odessa

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CHASING HUNS.TABLES SOON TO
BE TURNED SAYS
FRENCH PREMIERGives Optimistic Forecast After
Visiting Battle Lines.Doesn't Conceal Seriousness,
but Outlook Is Favorable.

'ENEMY IS HELD EVERYWHERE'

Allies' Lines Still Unbroken,
Says Paris Official Report.Heavy Attack South of Somme
Repulsed by English.

HUNS LOSING THEIR "PUNCH"

Heavy Losses Telling on Inva-
ders as Defense Stiffens.Valiance of French, Defending
Homes, Beyond All Praise.

BULK FRENCH ARMY WAITING

Most Powerful British Reserves
Just Arrive at Front.Berlin Paper Sounds Danger of
Flank Attack by Allies.Paris, March 27.—"Within forty-
eight hours the allies will be masters
of the situation," Premier Clemenceau
declared today upon his return from the
front.Clemenceau made the statement in
a report to the ministerial council. At
the same time, he did not attempt to
conceal the seriousness of the situa-
tion.The premier said Amiens is well de-
fended and that it is improbable the
Germans will break thru.
The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger publishes
a dispatch from Lausanne declaring
the British saved their entire com-
plement of heavy artillery.

Check Enemy's Advance.

Paris, March 27.—Last night the
Germans' advance was held up every-
where, according to the official state-
ment of the war office today.
The enemy, weakened by heavy losses, it
adds has been obliged to slow up his
efforts.The statement follows:
"Last evening and during the night
the Germans, weakened by their
heavy losses, were compelled to retard
their efforts. The valiance of the
French troops defending the ground
foot by foot is beyond all praise."
"The French are holding a line run-
ning thru L'Esclapart, St. Aunin and
Beuvraignes, north of Lassigny, in
front of the southern part of Nogon
and along the left bank of the Oise.
During the night the French repulsed
strong reconnoitering parties which
attempted to approach their positions
northwest of Nogon."On the remainder of the front there
was an intermittent bombardment."

Slight Hun Attack Repulsed.

London, March 27.—A heavy attack
was made early in the night against
the new British lines south of the
Somme.It was repulsed after severe fight-
ing, the war office announces.In consequence of attacks yesterday
afternoon and evening astride the
Somme the British troops on both
banks were forced back a short dis-
tance in the neighborhood of Bray.

Allies Reserves Not in Yet.

Paris, March 27.—"Only a few
French divisions are engaged," sub-
secretary of War Abami, declared to-
day. "The bulk of the French army
is awaiting events, while the most
powerful British reserves are just ar-
riving on the field."

German Flanks Vulnerable.

Amsterdam, March 27.—"The
enemy holds strong reserves south of
the penetrated front with which to
attack our troops from the flank," de-
clared the Berlin Vorwaerts, in copies
received here today.

WATCH FOR EXTRAS!

This is the fourth war extra of
the State Journal today. Next
out at 5 o'clock.GERMAN DRIVE
IS FALLING FAR
SHORT OF GOALZone of Open Warfare Con-
tinues To Grow Larger.Germans Used Reserves More
Rapidly Than Intended.

LOSSES NOW FIFTY PER CENT

More Than 400,000 Casualties
in a Week's Fighting.Trying To Break Thru and Roll
Up in Either Direction.London, March 27.—The zone of
open warfare is continuing to enlarge
as the entente forces fall back fighting
under the enormous weight of the
German numbers, says Reuters' cor-
respondent at British headquarters in
his dispatch today.It is now clearly established, he
adds, that the present offensive is the
great main effort of the Germans, and
that it has not been as successful as
they anticipated, the enemy being a
long way behind his timetable and
having failed to break thru and begin
rolling up tactics.The Germans are now pushing
against the British line with the full
pressure of their masses. They have
thrown in their reserves more rapidly
than they intended, it is declared, and
are, therefore, wearing themselves
down, although they are naturally tiring
the defense in the process.The general feeling, the correspond-
ent reports, is that the days of trench
warfare are definitely passed.

Big Smash on Roye Front.

British Army Headquarters in
France, March 27.—By the Associated
Press.—The Germans last night con-
tinued their furious onslaught
southwestward from Ham against the
allied defenses in the region of Roye
and Nogon, having slowed down in
their attempt to cut thru the British
line further north, where such de-
perate resistance was offered.Hard fighting occurred last night
about the town of Albert. Large
enemy forces pushed forward toward
the place but at last the British
were holding them doggedly at this
possible gateway to Amiens."General, the sector around
Roye and Nogon appears to be of
great importance from the many in-
dications that the German higher com-
mand have the signal for the advance
from there and start a rolling up pro-
cess either way."

Has Lost Half His Men.

From the average of casualties in
the various German units given by
prisoners, one arrives at the conclusion
that the German emperor has lost
50 per cent of these men since he
began his offensive.The official British statement of
yesterday said it had been established
that the German army's twenty German
divisions had been engaged in excess
of 100,000 men.The usual estimate of the present
strength of a German division is
12,000 men, and a loss of 50 per
cent would mean casualties in excess
of 400,000 for the Germans in less
than a week of fighting.The Germans have now reclaimed
virtually all the territory they held
at the beginning of the battle of the
Somme in 1916. At some places they
have not only regained the ground but
at other points they have over-
stepped it somewhat.

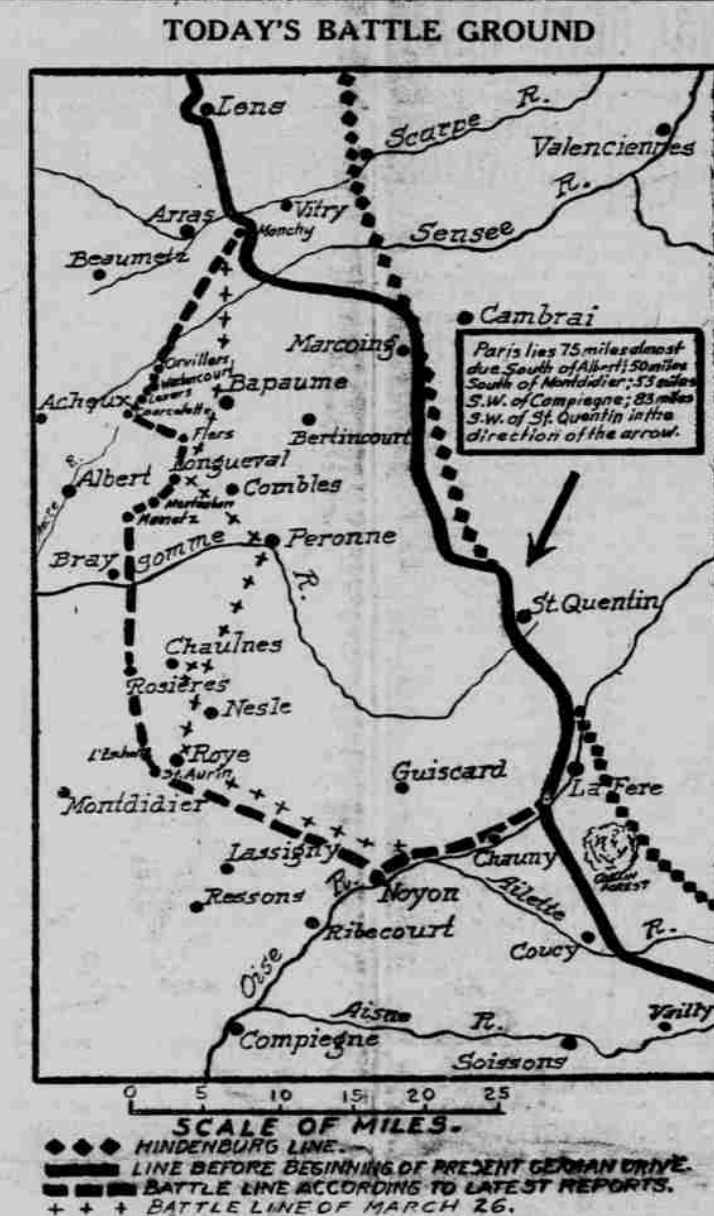
Is Most Sanguinary Struggle.

Fresh enemy forces were flung into
the fighting yesterday. These reinforce-
ments, with other picked troops, including
the famous Prussian guards were sent
forward in a dense wave against the
allied defenders. The latest reports
from this fighting zone merely chronicle
a most sanguinary struggle with-
out indicating any change in the sit-
uation.At the latest reports the Germans
have made no further attack against
Bray, North of Albert, however, they
attacked in considerable strength to-
ward Aveluy Wood. The assault
broke at the British line and recoiled.
North of this point the situation is
unchanged.

To Split British.

Heavy fighting occurred late yester-
day just south of Albert about
Meaulte. At the same time the British
drove off an attack north of Al-
bert, and the fighting there has been
further north have been large, but
the elasticity of the defending line
thus far has defeated his intention
of breaking thru here and divid-
ing the British forces. It is prob-
able this elasticity has resulted in the
development of the vicious drive
which the enemy is now making to the
south.

Prisoners Tell of Slaughter.

The resistance which has been of-
fered by the allied troops to the Ger-
man advance constitutes one of the
most heroic episodes in the history of the war.
The gallant sacrifice which these
hardy warriors made in covering the
withdrawal and delaying the German
sweep forward undoubtedly will have
an important effect on the final out-
come of this greatest of all battles.The appalling slaughter of the at-
tacking masses has continued since
the first day. All the prisoners have
made the same story to tell of the
great losses suffered. Undoubtedly the
Germans expected some such re-
sult and it is probable all their cards
have not yet been played.

KAISER 'AGIN' IT? WALK OUT IN K. C.

Emperor and General Have
Quarrel Over Big Drive.Pounds Table and Says, "Who's
Emperor, You or I?"Paris, March 27.—Emperor William
and General Von Ludendorff had a
violent quarrel before the beginning
of the great attack on the western front
according to a prominent Swiss who
has just returned to Zurich after some
weeks in Germany and has been inter-
viewed by the correspondent of the
Temps. This man is quoted as say-
ing:"There was much discreet talk in
Berlin before the present offensive
concerning extremely violent scenes
between Germany's leaders at general
headquarters. General Von Ludendorff
spoke so violently and authoritatively
that the emperor becoming very pale,
arose from his chair, and pounding the
table demanded:"General, are you or I emperor of
Germany?""General Von Ludendorff replied
that he was only a soldier and more
than any one else desired peace. He
said he was convinced that his plans
for an offensive were capable of bring-
ing it about."

Sees Terrible Devastation.

Amsterdam, March 27.—The Volks
Zeitung of Cologne says that, accord-
ing to General Von Ludendorff, Em-
peror William has been deeply im-
pressed by the terrible devastation in
the fighting zone and our frontier.""How glad we should be that our
country has been spared such terrible
things. Why did we succeed in keep-
ing the fighting beyond our frontier?
Because before the war we always
urged the need of armaments. When
mankind changes, these things also
will change, but first mankind must
begin to change."

Ludendorff Planned Drive.

London, March 27.—The German
war correspondent says that Em-
peror William and General Von Ludendorff
made the plans for the German offensive, the
Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange
Telegraph company reports.The general on Friday was present at
the scene of action in order personally
to control the attack.German great headquarters, the
correspondent continues, have been
established in an old castle near St.
Quentin, which is visited daily by the
emperor and crown prince.

SURROUND KORNILOFF

Report Former Commander of Rus-
sians Is in Bolshevik Trap.London, March 27.—The forces of
General Korniloff have been sur-
rounded by Bolshevik troops accord-
ing to a Reuter dispatch from Petro-
grad.General Korniloff, the former Rus-
sian commander-in-chief, allied him-
self with the Don Cossacks against the
Bolsheviks and has been operating be-
tween Moscow and Rostov. Several
times he has been reported defeated
and near capture but always managed
to elude the government troops.

WILL GET JAP SHIPS

United States Trades With Nipponese
for 150,000 Tons.Washington, March 27.—Negotia-
tions for the transfer of 150,000 tons
of Japanese shipping to the United
States have been completed on the ba-
sis of two tons of steel plates for one
ton of deadweight ship capacity.HUNS GET ALBERT,
BRITISH REGAIN
MORCOURT CITYWar Head Says "Situation
Grows Less Critical.""Battle Far From Over, but
Time Is on Our Side."

RESERVES ARE COMING UP

General Maurice Describes Two
Crises Overcome.Declares Berlin Report of Pris-
oners Is Exaggerated.London, March 27.—"The situation
is less critical than at any time in the
last three days," declared General
Maurice, director of operations, at 3
o'clock this afternoon, summing up
the reports received up to 1 o'clock."This morning, comparatively small
reinforcements arrived," Maurice said.
"We captured Morcourt, advancing
as far as Froyat. Elsewhere the line
is steady. One or two attacks were
repulsed. The enemy progressed
slightly in the outskirts of Coignau
and at Erach, Lechelle and St. Aunin.

Drop 22 Tons of Bombs.

"Our air men last night dropped 22
tons of bombs on enemy reserves at
Bapaume and Peronne.""Our total losses in guns have been
about 600.""German estimates of prisoners are
likewise exaggerated.""The enemy has been definitely
checked north of the Somme," Mau-
rice continued. "Their troops show
exhaustion. Reserves, however, are
coming up north of Albert.""South of the Somme, fresh enemy
attacks are expected. Their reserves
are approaching Roye and Nogon.
French reserves are also approaching
those places."

Reserves Are Near at Hand.

"The battle is far from over. Other
crises are possible, but time is on
our side. The enemy is further from
his rail heads. His lines are con-
fusing, creating difficulty in moving.""Our reserves, especially the
French, are coming nearer and nearer
the battlefield.""The situation is less critical than
at any time in three days.""The enemy is in Albert," Maurice
said."We hold the railway embankment
on the western front and are con-
siderable nearer the strike call be-
hind."

Have Been Two Crises.

Morecourt is on the south bank of
the Somme, three and a half miles
southwest of Bray. Mericourt is three
miles east of Morcourt. Froyat is a
mile south of Mericourt.Courcellette is midway between
Bapaume and Albert. Martinpuich is
about a mile south of Courcellette.The battle line parallels the main
Cambrai-Peronne highway, flowing
into the Somme a short distance west
of Peronne.

VIATOR'S BODY BURNED

Falls to Death and Plane Catches Fire
on Army Field.Wichita Falls, Texas, March 27.—
Cadet C. W. Franks, 26, was burned
to death at Call field, near here, to-
day when his machine fell from a
height of several hundred feet. The
gasoline tank exploding as the ma-
chine hit the ground.The pilot was killed by the impact
of the crash.Franks was unmarried. His par-
ents live in Lydia, Ohio.

Cadet Killed on Everman Field.

Fort Worth, March 27.—H. Hooten,
a cadet of the Royal Flying corps,
whose home was in Montreal, Canada,
was killed today when his airplane
crashed to the ground at Everman
field, a British flying camp here. His
plane was the forty-fourth fatal aviation
accident in the combined British and
American camps in Fort Worth since
they were established last fall.

ONLY ONE 75-MI. GUN!

Dual Explosion Indicated More Than
One Gun—Shells Still Falling.Paris, March 27.—The caliber of the
shells that are being fired into Paris
by the German long range gun is
8.8 inches and the length of the shell
is twenty inches, L'Homme Libre, Pre-
mier Clemenceau's newspaper, states.
The shell weighs 200 pounds and con-
tains less than twenty pounds of ex-
plosives.The shell is provided with a fuse
protected by a threaded stopper, and
has a diaphragm inside which divides
the shell into two compartments of
unequal size. Two holes in the dia-
phragm afford communication be-
tween the two pockets. These facts
are accepted as an explanation of the
two explosions which on occasions have
followed in quick succession and
which led to the belief that two guns
were firing.NAME SESSIONS
TO BRISTOW JOB
ON STATE P. U. C.Governor Capper Makes New
Appointment Today.Private Secretary Is Given Fat
\$4,000 Position.

F. S. JACKSON WAS MENTIONED

But Veteran Newspaper Corre-
spondent Was Honored.Sessions To Hold Place Until
New Administration.Governor Capper today named
Charles H. Sessions, his private secre-
tary, as a member of the state public
utilities commission to succeed Joseph
L. Bristow, who left the commission
Monday. The appointment is effective
at once. Sessions will hold a recess
appointment until a successor is
named by the next governor and con-
firmed by the state senate next winter.Sessions today, the governor said, he
was in conference with Governor Cap-
per for a half hour immediately follow-
ing the appointment. It was then an-
nounced that the new utilities com-
missioner would take up his work at
once. He will serve under the pres-
ent appointment for a period of at
least ten months. Should a new com-
missioner be appointed, Sessions would
be given a large percentage of the
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CONFLICT
CITY OF ODESSA
IS RECAPTURED
FROM GERMANSSlavs Turn Against Invaders,
Dealing Heavy Blow.Russian Warships Help Troops
in Bloody Battle.

RETAKE THREE OTHER CITIES

Bolshevik Troops Successful in
Fighting Austrians.Ukraine and Germany in Dis-
pute Over Wheat Grab.London, March 27.—Odessa has been
recaptured by the soviet and Ukraini-
an troops after a bloody battle in
which naval forces took part, accord-
ing to a Moscow dispatch from the
semi-official Russia news agency.

Is Most Important City.

The German war office on March
15, announced that Odessa had been
entered by German troops. The pre-
liminary peace treaty between Ru-
mania and the central powers con-
tained a provision engaging Rumania
to support the transport of troops of
the central powers thru Moldavia and
Bessarabia to Odessa. Semi-official
announcement was then made that
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ghanistan.(By the Associated Press.)
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